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Applicant: Deckler, et al.

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TRACK VEHICLES**

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AMENDMENT A

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action of April 6, 2005.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 24 to define patentable subject matter and to more particularly point out applicant's invention. Applicant has also amended claims 18-20 to overcome a rejection under Section 112. Applicant has amended other claims to more particularly define the invention after a thorough review of all pending claims. Applicant requests reconsideration of the scope of the pending independent claims based upon a discussion of *Brittain, et al.* and the arguments raised in the Remarks section below.

Applicant also requests an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action.